

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT ASSURANCE SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether development blocks in the country entitled for Employment Assurance Scheme are being paid their due share of money on time;
- (b) if so, the blocks in Ernakulam District in Kerala have been paid money under EAS during 1998-99 and 1999-2000;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Employment Assurance Scheme is being implemented in all the blocks in the country; and
- (e) if not, the time by which it is likely to be implemented in all the development blocks?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (e): Employment Assurance Scheme is implemented in all the rural blocks of the country. Till 31.3.99, funds under the programme were released Block-wise. With effect from 1.4.1999, the scheme has been restructured. Funds are now released to the Districts-wise. On receipt of funds, the DRDAs transfer 70% of funds to the Panchayat Samities and 30% to the Zilla Parishad, for use in areas of endemic labour exodus/ areas of distress. As regards Ernakulam District, a sum of Rs.300 lakh was released by this Ministry to 15 Blocks in the year 1998-99. The Central allocation for Ernakulam District in the year 1999-2000 is Rs.216.28 lakh and the entire amount has been released.